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SUBJECT: INTEGRATED EMERGENCY PROGRAM - ECG MEETING

REF: EC BRUSSELS 5528 AND 5571

1. DAVIGNON IS EXTREMELY CRITICAL OF THE BRITISH ACTION

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ON ENERGY AT THE JULY 23 EC COUNCIL MEETING. HE CONTENDS

THAT THE REFUSAL OF THE U.K. TO ENDORSE THE GENERAL PRINCIPLES OF EC ENERGY POLICY HAS COMPLETELY CHANGED THE CONTEXT OF THE UPCOMING MEETING OF THE ECG.

2. ACCORDING TO DAVIGNON, THE FRENCH CAN NOW SAY THAT, IN THE ABSENCE OF BROAD AGREEMENT AMONG THE NINE ON THE PRINCIPLES OF AN EC COMMON ENERGY POLICY, IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO REACH AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE ON THE IEP. IF AGREEMENT HAD BEEN REACHED ON THE BROAD OUTLINE OF A COMMUNITY ENERGY POLICY, WITHIN WHICH THE IEP COULD BE IMPLEMENTED, THE FRENCH WOULD HAVE BEEN OUT OF STEP WITH THE OTHERS IF THE FRENCH HAD OPPOSED THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE IEP. NOW THE FRENCH CAN DRAG THEIR FEET ON THE IEP AND AT THE SAME TIME APPEAR AS THE DEFENDERS OF THE COMMUNITY.

3. PRIOR TO THE BRITISH ROADBLOCK, DAVIGNON CONSIDERED THAT HE WAS IN A GOOD POSITION TO BRING THE FRENCH ALONG ON THE IEP. HE SAID THAT HE HAD BEEN IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH PARIS AND THAT, WHILE THE FRENCH STILL RESERVED THEIR POSITION, THEY HAD NOT OBJECTED IN PRINCIPLE TO THE WAY THE IEP WAS BEING DEVELOPED. THERE WERE INDICATIONS, HE SAID, THAT THE FRENCH WERE BEGINNING TO CONSIDER SERIOUSLY HOW THEY COULD BEST PARTICIPATE IN OR AT LEAST TOLERATE THE IEP.

4. NOW THIS HAS CHANGED. THE EIGHT HAVE NO LEVERAGE ON THE FRENCH. WHAT IS REQUIRED IS A SALVAGE OPERATION. THE FIRST STEP, HE BELIEVES, IS TO TRY TO CHANGE THE BRITISH POLICY. TO THIS END, HE IS PREPARING A LETTER TO CALLAGHAN TAKING ISSUE WITH THE BRITISH POLICY AND ASKING THAT THEY COME TO SEPTEMBER EC COUNCIL MEETING WITH A MORE POSITIVE POSITION ON THE EC COMMON ENERGY POLICY. DAVIGNON PROMISED TO GIVE US A COPY OF THE LETTER TO CALLAGHAN.

5. HE THINKS THAT THE U.S. SHOULD ALSO APPROACH THE BRITISH-- AND DO SO BEFORE THE JULY 29-30 MEETING OF THE ECG. FOR THE AMERICANS TO COME TO THE JULY 29-30 MEETING OF THE ECG WITHOUT HAVING REACTED TO THE NEW

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STATE OF AFFAIRS FOLLOWING THE BRITISH ACTION AT THE EC COUNCIL MEETING WOULD BE A MISTAKE. AT SEVERAL DIFFERENT POINTS IN THE CONVERSATION WITH US, DAVIGNON STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF A U.S. DEMARCHE IN LONDON BEFORE THE ECG MEETING.

6. DAVIGNON DOES NOT KNOW WHETHER THE BRITISH CAN BE MOVED BECAUSE HE CANNOT JUDGE WHETHER THE BRITISH

PERFORMANCE AT THE EC COUNCIL MEETING WAS A REFLECTION OF OVERALL BRITISH POLICY TOWARD ENERGY AND THE COMMUNITY OR WHETHER IT WAS MERELY AN EXPRESSION OF SHORE'S ANTI-COMMUNITY VIEWS. IN ANY CASE, DAVIGNON CONSIDERS THAT LITTLE BASIC PROGRESS ON THE IEP CAN BE MADE UNTIL THE U.K. HAS REVERSED OR SUBSTANTIALLY MODIFIED THE STAND TAKEN BY SHORE.

7. DAVIGNON SAYS THAT IT MAY STILL BE POSSIBLE AT THE JULY 29-30 MEETING OF THE ECG TO FILL IN THE BLANKS IN THE IEP PAPER AND REACH A CONSENSUS ON OTHER TECHNICAL POINTS. HE FAVORS MAKING A DETERMINED EFFORT TO DO SO BUT SAYS THAT IT WILL NOT NOW BE POSSIBLE TO REACH AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE. THE TASK IS NOW MORE DIFFICULT AND WILL TAKE MORE TIME. LACKING AGREEMENT ON THE BASIC PRINCIPLES OF AN EC ENERGY POLICY, IT WILL BE HARD FOR THE EIGHT TO AGREE TO THE IEP WITHOUT EXPOSING THEMSELVES TO THE FRENCH ARGUMENT THAT THIS MIGHT BE INCONSISTENT WITH COMMUNITY POLICY, THE PRINCIPLES OF WHICH ARE NOT YET AGREED. OTHERS, OUTSIDE THE EC, SUCH AS THE JAPANESE AND NORWEGIANS, WHO HAVE DOUBTS OR PROBLEMS, WILL BE ABLE TO AVOID HARD DECISIONS. DAVIGNON CONSIDERS THAT AGREEMENT ON THE IEP IS HIGHLY UNLIKELY UNTIL AFTER THE SEPTEMBER MEETING OF THE EC COUNCIL AND ONLY THEN IF THE BRITISH COME AROUND.

8. IN ADDITION TO SUGGESTING THAT THE U.S. LEAN ON THE BRITISH BEFORE THE ECG MEETING, DAVIGNON ALSO WANTS TO MEET WITH ENDERS BEFORE THE ECG MEETING. IN A SEPARATE ACTION BASED ON OUR UNDERSTANDING OF ENDER'S CURRENT SCHEDULE, WE ARRANGED WITH DAVIGNON'S OFFICE TO BLOCK OUT ON DAVIGNON'S CALENDAR 11:30 A.M. MONDAY FOR A MEETING WITH ENDERS. HOWEVER, OUR IMPRESSION IS THAT DAVIGNON WOULD

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PREFER AN EARLIER TIME IF AT ALL POSSIBLE. HE IS PREPARED TO MEET EITHER SUNDAY NIGHT OR EARLY MONDAY MORNING.

9. PLEASE ADVISE ON BOTH POINTS SO WE MAY INFORM DAVIGNON BEFORE THE WEEKEND. FIRESTONE

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